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**Response To Restriction Requirement
Under 35 USC 121 and 35 USC 372**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A Restriction Requirement was mailed January 30, 2007, requiring restriction between Group I, claims 1-20; and, Group II, claims 21-41.

Applicant TRAVERSES the requirement.

The application entered the National Phase in the U.S. under 35 USC 371, based upon a Russian PCT application. Unity of Invention Rules, PCT Rule 13.1 and PCT Rule 13.2 are applicable. The standard for unity under Rule 13.2 is "special technical feature" defined as "those technical features that define a contribution which each of the inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art." This determination requires an interpretation of the claims in light of the description and drawings.

Specific combinations of claims are expressly allowed including "in addition to an independent claim for a given process, an independent claim for an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out said process..."

[Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex B, August 2006]

In the instant application, the special technical feature includes an equipotential space described *inter alia* at paragraph [0043] and recited in claim 1, part (d) and in Claim 21, part (b).